

# 2013 Needs Assessment for Walker County

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## **Accomplishments**

Child Advocacy Board purchased house for facility.  
ARC has 2 trained staff to conduct Autism Testing  
Literacy Council of Walker County tripled the number of learners/ tutors and increased community programs.  
Books, Balls and Blocks events held in the county.  
Blueprint for Success projects ongoing  
Jasper Area Family Services Center became provisional member of Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers.

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Children's Advocacy Center

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Building has been purchased in 2013. DA's office volunteers CPC members DHR Community Partners and support 501(C)3 has been filed training	needs continued funding and donations

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

continue to fund raise and public awareness

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Pre-K Resources available to all children in Walker County.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Continue to hold community meetings to discuss Blueprint. Head Start Pre-K programs in community HIPPIY Baby T.A.L.K. United Way/Success By Six Daycare/Preschool programs locally	Continued need for increased funding.

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Continue to host this coming year Books, Balls and Blocks events in different areas of the county.

Host Read and Romp event with community partners

Create and publish a Resource Directory for 0-5 programs.

Continue to work with partners to implement the Blueprint for School Readiness.

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Programs to address chronic CHINS adolescents.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Parent/Teen Project Youth Advocate Program Tackling the Tough Skills Concerned Citizens for Our Youth (Beacon House) Adam Bishop Center(NWAMHC) Fatherhood Initiative	Increase adult mentors in community.

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Contact Big Brothers/Big Sisters and to other programs that mentor youth.

Conduct a workshop locally in regard to being a mentor including faith-based programs.